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### Arizona's Retirement Systems Study Committee

As part of Senate Bill 1609 the State Treasurer was named the Chairman of a 13-member study committee made up of the Board of Investment (BOI), State Legislators and Representatives from Arizona's retirement systems, which include the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS), the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP), the Public Safety Personnel



Retirement System (PSPRS) and the Corrections Officers Retirement Plan (CORP).

Committee members serving with the Treasurer include:

- Senator Linda Gray
- Senator Jack Jackson, Jr.
- Senator Steve Yarborough
- David Byers (ASRS)
- Hon. Beth Ford (BOI)
- Scott Smith (BOI)

- Representative Chad Campbell
- Representative Justin Olson
- Representative David Stevens
- Brian Tobin (PSPRS)
- Alan Maguire (BOI)
- Lauren Kingry (BOI)

The committee was given five specific areas of the pension systems to explore:

- I. The feasibility and cost of transferring existing members and/or new members to a defined contribution plan;
- 2. Advantages and disadvantages of existing supplemental retirement plans and the feasibility of merging these plans to achieve maximum effectiveness;
- 3. The definitions of *compensation*, average yearly salary and salary as used by the plans to ascertain the actuarial effect of these definitions, particularly the ability and actuality of "spiking" compensation;
- 4. The advantages and disadvantages of the local board system, the agent multiple-employer public retirement system model and the feasibility of establishing a single employer public retirement system model;
- 5. Procedures, determinations and granting of accidental and ordinary disability retirements and the effect of local boards in providing adequate cost controls for these disability requirements.

An interim report of its findings and recommendations will be delivered to the Legislature, Governor and Secretary of State by December 31, 2011, with a final report due on December 31, 2012. All committee meeting are open to the public. Meeting times, dates, locations, as well as all materials, research and presentations, can be accessed online at <a href="https://www.aztreasurer.gov">www.aztreasurer.gov</a>.

#### LGIP Pool 5: Short-term fund

#### **AT A GLANCE**

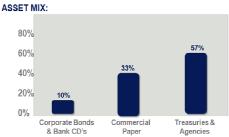
- \$1.28 Billion in assets with Net Asset Value at \$.9997 as of 9/30/2011.
- Diversified short-term fund similar to a prime money market fund.
- Goal is to keep daily liquidity in the 10% to 30% range.
- Continues to maintain the highest rating of AAAF/SI+ even with the U.S. Government downgrade by S&P.
- Overall maturities will be extended once interest rates increase.
- Weighted Average Maturity is 29 days.

#### Safety



#### Liquidity

Weighted Average Maturity: 29 days on 9/30/2011 DURATION: 100% from 0-1 yrs



#### Yield



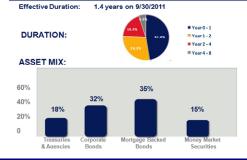
# Pool 5 YTD Net Yield has beaten its benchmark by 9 basis points

#### LGIP Pool 500: Medium-term fund

#### Safety



#### Liquidity



#### Yield



# Pool 500 YTD has beaten its benchmark by 17 basis points

#### **AT A GLANCE**

- \$216.3 Million in assets with Floating Net Asset Value at \$1.0388 as of 9/30/2011.
- Diversified fund containing Treasuries, Agencies, Corporate Bonds and Mortgages.
- The effective duration is 1.4 years.
- Keeping the fund short with 47% of the investments maturing under one year.
- Maximum exposure to any credit at 2.5%.
- Weighted Average Rating of all the securities is AA.

#### Pool 7 LGIP-GOV: Short-term fund

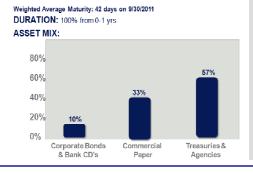
#### **AT A GLANCE**

- \$1.5 Billion Assets with Net Asset Value at \$1.00 as of 9/30/2011.
- Invested in highly liquid, low-risk securities that are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.
- Disruptions in the overnight repurchase market have eased therefore the fund strategy will be shifting back into more overnight repurchase transactions.
- Weighted Average Maturity is 42 days.

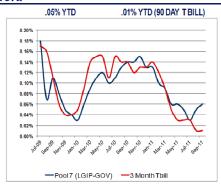
#### Safety



### Liquidity



#### Yield



# Pool 7YTD Net Yield has beaten its benchmark by 4 basis points

#### Pool 700 LGIP-GOV: Medium-term fund

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#### Liquidity



#### Yield



# Pool 700 YTD has beaten its benchmark by 71 basis points

#### **AT A GLANCE**

- \$122.5 Million in assets with Floating Net Asset Value at \$1.0100 as of 9/30/2011.
- All securities are backed by the full faith and credit of U.S.
   Government including Treasuries, FDIC paper and GNMA Mortgages.
- The effective duration is 1.12 years.
- Keeping the fund short with 51% of the investments maturing under one year.
- Weighted Average Rating of all the securities is AA+.

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### **Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs)**

In conjunction with the Arizona Department of Education the Treasurer's Office has implemented an innovative new program for families across the State. The Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) were created

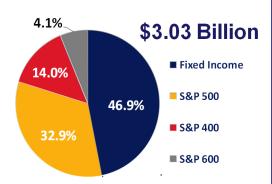


last legislative session by Senate Bill 1553, sponsored by State Senator Rick Murphy and Representative Debbie Lesko.

Students are awarded funding that totals 90 percent of the money a public school would have received had the student enrolled there. On average, schools receive between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per student, though special education students receive more funding because of the services they require.

In order to qualify, students must be an Arizona resident and identified as having a disability and either attended a public school for the first 100 days of the previous school year or received a School Tuition Organization scholarship the year prior. Disbursements during the first two quarters of the program have already reached \$425.000.

## Land Endowment Asset Allocation



#### **FY 2011 Financial Reports**



The Treasurer's
Office delivered its
Fiscal Year 2011
Annual Audited
Financial Statements

to the Governor on October 31, 2011.

The entire report can be accessed online at ww.aztreasurer.gov.

#### State Cash Flow

FY 2012 Q1 Average Monthly Cash Balance:

+14% YOY

July = \$1.2B August = \$817M September = \$778M

#### FY 2012 Q1 Earnings +\$13.9 Million YOY

